

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 7-16 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Of the claims under consideration, claims 1 and 10 are independent.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Kauffman/Barry et al. Rejection

Claims 1, 4 and 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,586,235 to Kauffman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,692,205 to Barry et al. This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite “encapsulating in the multimedia document choreographing information for allowing a document author to define relative times at which the first file support object and the second file support object are displayed.” Neither Kauffman nor Barry et al. teach or suggest at least this feature of amended independent claims 1 and 10. Amended independent claims 1 and 10 thus are allowable for at least this reason.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Kauffman/Barry et al./Johnson Rejection

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kauffman and Barry et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,892,847 to Johnson. This rejection insofar as it pertains to the independent claims is respectfully traversed.

Johnson fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kauffman and Barry et al. with respect to amended independent claim 1. Claims 5 and 6 thus are allowable by virtue of their dependency, as well as on their own merits.

Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Kauffman/Barry et al./Ando Rejection

Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kauffman and Barry et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,600,826 to Ando. This rejection insofar as it pertains to the independent claims is respectfully traversed.

Ando fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kauffman and Barry et al. with respect to amended independent claim 1. Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 thus are allowable by virtue of their dependency, as well as on their own merits.

Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Kauffman/Barry et al./Brown Rejection

Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kauffman and Barry et al. and further in view of Brown (Using Netscape 2, 1995). This rejection insofar as it pertains to the independent claims is respectfully traversed.

Brown (Using Netscape 2, 1995) fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kauffman and Barry et al. with respect to amended independent claim 10. Claims 15 and 16 thus are allowable by virtue of their dependency, as well as on their own merits.

Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Applicant requests entry of the foregoing amendments since the entry of such amendments would not require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner and would not place any undue burden on the Examiner. Alternatively, Applicant requests entry of the foregoing amendments in order to place the application in better form for appeal.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert V. Racunas at the number set forth below.

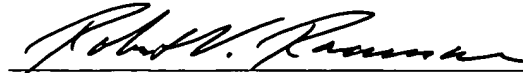
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